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These are the 1940s, 50s, and 60s.

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The U.S. government is running out of excuses.

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As more and more documents become declassified, officials can no longer blame every major

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UFO sighting on comets, clouds, and weather balloons.

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Does this mean the government will finally begin telling us everything it knows about

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UFOs?

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Socorro, New Mexico is the kind of small town people are usually traveling through on their

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way to someplace else.

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Visitors rarely slow down long enough to learn that this place has a mysterious past.

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And that one retired Socorro police officer is still haunted by the unearthly encounter

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that took place here 32 years ago.

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Lonnie Zamora remembers April 24, 1964.

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He was a rookie on the force, returning to the station after an uneventful day.

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Then a speeding vehicle passed Zamora's patrol car, and he set off in pursuit.

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When we got to this hill, saw a lot of dust, and I let the speeder go, and I turned to

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investigate.

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I could see a white object sitting between those two bushes over there, and I had to

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come real slow because this was a messed up road, had big rocks on it and everything.

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I thought it was the kids from high school that were racing up here, and maybe one of

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00:01:30,360 --> 00:01:32,960

the teenagers had turned over.

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When the speeding object came to a stop, Zamora claims that he saw two figures in white cover

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holes emerge from a strange white UFO.

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He moved in slow.

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I came up here on this road, so I could find a flat spot where I could park my car.

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I got out of the car and glanced down to the royal there, and I saw this white looking

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object.

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It was sort of a big egg shape, bigger in the car.

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Those are the bushes that were there, and the craft was sitting right in between them

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too.

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So I started down to see what it was, and then I heard this big boom in the bottom, and

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00:02:14,080 --> 00:02:16,160

the fire came out of the bottom.

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So I started running behind my police car to take cover.

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I could feel the heat up there because it was windy like now, and then it gradually

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pulled up, up about 20, 30 feet, and stayed there for a while, and it just took off.

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00:02:29,160 --> 00:02:30,760

His radio was dead.

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Zamora could only watch in awe as the object disappeared over the horizon.

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As soon as it was gone, the police radio cracked into light, and Zamora called for

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backup.

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A New Mexico state police unit quickly arrived.

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I came down here, and we saw this big rock right down here, and it was still on fire.

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Then we saw the imprints of the legs, of the craft, and there was four of them.

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Then we saw this footprints around here.

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By nightfall, the FBI had arrived on scene and began gathering evidence.

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They went down there and measured the footprints and everything, and we stayed out here until

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00:03:08,960 --> 00:03:14,000

about seven or eight o'clock at night, still wondering what it was.

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But they didn't say if it was or not.

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At nine o'clock, they said we went down to the courthouse, and we talked about it until

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about midnight.

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Instantly, Socorro was the center of an unprecedented media frenzy.

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This is one of the few sightings that got national attention immediately.

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Lonnie Zamora's story is on the national news, it's in all the newspapers, everybody's talking

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about it.

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Kevin Randall is an internationally renowned UFO investigator.

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He feels the Socorro events stand alone because of the amount of physical evidence collected

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at the scene.

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Landing gear marks were found, the bush was burned by the UFO engine.

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There were occupants, creatures from the craft, sighted by Lonnie Zamora.

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And the event brought the greatest UFO researcher of the day to Socorro.

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Jay Allen Hynek, the Air Force consultant, came to Socorro.

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He looked at it, talked to Zamora, talked to Zamora's superiors, talked to people who

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saw the landing traces, took photographs, so there's physical evidence remaining behind.

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It's one of the few times they said there could be a flying saucer.

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I had conversations with Dr. Hynek about the Socorro case, and his comments to me led me

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to believe that he felt that this was one of those cases where the government was unwilling

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to permit him to say what he would like to say about it.

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And that just made him a great deal.

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According to Timmerman, a longtime associate of Jay Allen Hynek, the Socorro event was

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one of the defining moments in Hynek's career.

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He felt that this was one of the most important cases he'd come across.

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And I think that maybe his attitude toward it was developed as a result of his feel about

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the Lonnie Zamora, the primary witness.

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Lonnie Zamora is very credible.

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He's a police officer.

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He has nothing to gain by telling this story.

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He is stuck with this story from the very beginning.

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This is what he saw.

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There's no question that Lonnie Zamora saw something unusual on the ground.

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According to the Air Force and government, they say they don't know what it was.

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They never told me not to say or say about it, talk about it, but they say that they

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don't know what it was.

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In fact, it took 21 years for the Air Force to finally offer an explanation for the Socorro

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UFO landing.

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They offered logs from the White Sands missile base, charting government testing of the newly

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developed lunar landing module.

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But the logs indicate the tests ended more than five hours before Zamora sighting.

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The Air Force explanation simply doesn't work because they have no documentation to place

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the lunar lander in that portion of New Mexico at that time.

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It does not match Zamora's description.

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I think if Dr. Heineck were here today and saw this new documentation available, the

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report that the Air Force says it was a lunar lander, if anything, that landed near Socorro,

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I think he'd say bushwalk.

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He'd say that this is the government trying to do its fancy little dance and saying things

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that will satisfy the media, that will satisfy the country and the world, that there's no

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reality to the UFO phenomenon, whereas there is.

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And according to JPL, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, the lunar lander

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alluded to in the government data did not fly.

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It was dropped from a tower and had no system of independent propulsion as reported by Zamora.

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Randall believes that this is proof the Socorro UFO was not a lunar lander.

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The Air Force completed their UFO investigation, said they had nothing more to say on it, and

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yet now they're coming out this year providing us with new explanations for old sightings.

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I have no idea why they're doing it, but I find it highly significant.

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Randall believes it is Socorro's proximity to several highly sensitive military bases

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that have prompted a continuing disinformation campaign.

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It is between the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the White Sands Missile Range, the very large

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array of radio telescope is 50 or 60 miles to the west.

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Socorro's right in the middle of this.

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If you've got a race of intelligent beings wanting to see what we're doing, this makes

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a perfect place for them to come to observe our steps into space and what our science

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00:07:31,240 --> 00:07:35,440

is doing.

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According to Timmerman, the Socorro event convinced Dr. Heineck that the truth about

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UFOs was being manipulated by the Air Force.

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After Socorro, Heineck left his post.

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The government lost one of its most prestigious spokespersons and gained its most ardent critic.

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Dr. Heineck saw this and it was very obvious to him that what Lonnie Zamora was saying

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in the depths of his honesty was not what the military was saying in their attempt to

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explain it.

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Disproving the lunar lander theory does not mean that the Socorro craft came from another

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planet, but it does raise serious questions about the true nature of the event.

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What could have landed there more than 30 years ago that is still too sensitive to reveal?